



Customs Training, NEW DELHI - REACT Seminar
ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi, 18 April 2019

CropLife India participated in the Customs training workshop held for the Custom officials of ICD Customs organized by the REACT organization.

REACT shared the information well in advance. Spread across 55 acres of land in Tughlakabad and commissioned in 1993, ICD TKD is the largest dry port in Asia and serves as a focal point for most traders in North India. On an average, it handles nearly 2,000 containers a day. According to a report by the Indian Railways, ICD TKD handles approximately 60-70% more traffic than its capacity of about 2,50,000 TEUs. "On an average, about 8,000-10,000 TEUs of containers (both LCL and FCL) on the export front, and about 10,000 TEUs of import containers are cleared every month. It primarily handles commodities such as chemicals, lifestyle goods, electronic products, computer parts and accessories, plastic, copper rods & wires and aluminum foils.

This information helped us to prepare ourselves better for the training.

The training workshop has been attended by many Custom officials. More than 30 Custom officials were present from ICD, Tughlakabad.

CropLife India identified strength & opportunity to sensitize the Customs on Anti-Counterfeit measures to be taken while checking the products & gave suggestion of using portable FTIR technology as a screening tool along with a brief presentation on 18th April, 2019 in Conference Hall, ICD, TKD, ND.

Following are the key highlights of the seminar:

- CropLife India gave a presentation to Customs officials on Counterfeit and Illegal Pesticides to explain the consequences of counterfeit/ illegal pesticides, the serious impact it can cause to Farmers' life, Agricultural industry, Govt. etc and informed them about the role of CropLife in Agricultural sector.
- Customs officials proffered the Brand owners to communicate and respond actively whenever the matters/seizures are reported by the customs department.
- They also mentioned that it would be helpful if countries of origin and supply chain information would be mentioned in presentation by all right holders.

- Custom officials also asked the brand owners to display their goods as well while training them about the brand as it will be more helpful for them to understand and remember the key identifiers of the brands.
- They have also requested for e-copies of identification material so please let us know by return if you would like your presentation to be shared with customs.
- CropLife India distributed Anti-counterfeit Annual Newsletter 2019 along with a pendrive uploaded with the relevant information about CropLife & FTIR technology with the participants for their future references. Customs found Annual ACF Newsletter very helpful and went thru it thoroughly to understand about our working.
- CropLife India suggested the use of Portable FTIR technology as screening tool for illegal pesticides and recommend that it could be very helpful if taken directly to farmers, for in market operations and for customs to identify whether the pesticide is legitimate quick and simple.
- CropLife India suggested that it can facilitate infusion of Portable FTIR technology through demonstration to Customs and Pilot Project in collaboration with Pesticides Regulators. However, Customs officials asked to conduct a demonstration session of FTIR Technology as well as display of Counterfeit & Genuine products to get practical knowledge and clear information on the subject. They found the PPT interesting and asked few questions for which they got satisfactory answers.
- Apart from this, many brands have participated & delivered their presentations.
- Overall, a good seminar to make Customs officials and other participants aware of the issues, which are not only related to Agricultural industry but also, affecting other popular brands available in the market.

Glimpses of REACT-Customs ICD Tughlakabad Seminar

